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Introduction

The 2008 legislative session was overshadowed by California's dire economic situation. The State's budget deficit increased and fiscal concerns meant that most proposals with potential State costs died in fiscal committees. The State is continuing to experience a severe economic downturn that will consume much of the Legislature's attention and affect policy decisions in the coming year. As we approach the 2009 legislative session, the impact of potential budget cuts on programs and services for women and their families will remain a priority for the Commission.

Our 2008 legislative agenda included more than 100 bills and resolutions. Of that number, we supported 98 measures and opposed 8. The Legislature sent 43 of our priority support bills to the Governor. He signed 25 of those into law and vetoed 18. The Legislature also approved 8 of our priority resolutions (the Governor does not take action on these measures). Measures opposed by the Commission would have negatively impacted access to public assistance under CalWORKs, prohibition against sexual orientation discrimination in schools and protection for victims of domestic violence. None of these measures reached the Governor's desk. Important measures signed by the Governor address anti-reproductive rights crimes (sponsored by the Commission), residential tenancy termination by victims of domestic violence, reunification services for incarcerated parents, and CalWORKs participant savings accounts for rental housing.

During 2008, the Commission monitored approximately 350 bills for potential impact on California women and their families. This "Summary" highlights those bills that were passed by the Legislature and enacted into law. Most of these laws became effective on January 1, 2009. If indicated as an "urgency" measure, the bill generally becomes effective immediately upon the Governor's signature. Resolutions, which do not have the force of law, are assigned a chapter number by the Secretary of State when passed by the Legislature, but do not require the Governor's signature. The Commission's priority bills are noted by an *asterisk.

Bill histories, committee analyses and voting records on any of these measures can be obtained by visiting www.leginfo.ca.gov. For more information on the Commission, including bills the Commission is currently tracking, contact us at 916-445-3173, or visit our website at www.women.ca.gov.

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CIVIL RIGHTS

AB 873 Davis **Chapter 316**

Public utility contracts; women, minority and disabled veterans

Seeks to increase public utility contracts with women, minority, and disabled veteran business enterprises (W/M/DVBEs) by requiring each water corporation with gross annual revenues of more than \$25 million to submit annual plans to increase procurement with W/M/DVBEs, and encouraging each electrical, gas, water, and telephone corporation that is not required to submit a plan under current law to voluntarily adopt a plan for increasing W/M/DVBE procurement contracts.

AB 2654* Laird **Chapter 682**

Discrimination; business operations and government funded programs

Conforms existing non-discrimination provisions in specific government and business operations to be consistent with the Unruh Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in business operations and Government Code Section 11135 which prohibits discrimination in government-funded programs and activities.

AB 2673 Feuer **Chapter 197**

Domestic partners; county employee survivor benefits

Ensures that domestic partners employed by all counties in the state are treated the same as married couples with regard to the payment of survivor benefits.

ACR 81 * Price **Resolution Chapter 2**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Honors the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorate the observance of his birthday, January 21, 2008, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ACR 94 * Bass **Resolution Chapter 10**

Black History Month

Recognizes February 2008 as Black History Month, urging all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month, and encouraging the people of California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and contributions that African Americans make to their communities.

ACR 108 * Eng **Resolution Chapter 73**

Hate Crimes Awareness Month

Designates June 2008 as Hate Crimes Awareness Month.

SB 1107 Correa
Mobile home parks; disabled residents

Chapter 170

Requires mobile home park management to allow a homeowner or resident to install accommodations for the disabled. Additionally, allows mobile home owners to share their homes with a live-in caregiver without being charged a fee for that person.

SCR 72 * Negrete McLeod
California Girls and Women in Sports Day

Resolution Chapter 45

Proclaims February 6, 2008, as California Girls and Women in Sports Day, commemorating the accomplishment of female athletes, coaches, officials, and sports administrators for their important contribution in promoting the value of sports participation in the achievement of full human potential.

SCR 83 * Battin
California Indian Heritage Month

Resolution Chapter 103

Proclaims November 2008 as California Indian Heritage Month, encouraging its observance with activities that celebrate the uniqueness of Americans, and commending California Indian nations for their outstanding contributions to this state.

SCR 91 Lowenthal
Children's Day and Children's Week

Resolution Chapter 27

Proclaims the last Saturday of April of each year as Children's Day, proclaims the last week of April of each year as Children's Week, and encourages Californians to support and celebrate Children's Day.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

AB 978 Benoit
Care facilities; health and safety violations

Chapter 291

Protects vulnerable persons who are provided care and supervision in Community Care Facilities or Child Day Care Facilities by strengthening enforcement methods for violations of serious health and safety violations.

AB 2096 Bass
Foster children: extracurricular activities

Chapter 483

Allows foster group home providers to use a prudent parent standard when deciding whether to give permission to a child in foster care to participate in extracurricular, enrichment or social activities.

AB 2759 * Jones
California State Preschool Program

Chapter 308

Creates the California State Preschool Program, consolidating the administration of the part-day and full-day State Preschool, Pre-kindergarten Family Literacy and General Child Care and Development programs.

SB 1629 * Steinberg
Child development programs; Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee

Chapter 307

Establishes the Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee to develop recommendations on how to evaluate and improve the quality of child development programs providing services from birth to age five, including preschool, and establishes a framework for future resources necessary to achieve and maintain higher quality programs.

EDUCATION

AB 86 Lieu
School safety; bullying

Chapter 646

Expands provisions of the Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act related to bullying to include acts committed personally or by means of electronic acts. Additionally, authorizes school officials to suspend or recommend for expulsion pupils who engage in bullying.

AB 3015 Brownley
Foster care; school safety and violence prevention policies

Chapter 557

Requires that the mandatory training for foster homes and foster families includes current school safety and violence prevention policies to ensure that foster youth and their caregivers understand how to report and prevent harassment and violence, not only in homes, but at schools.

AJR 48 Price
Postsecondary education; student financial aid

Resolution Chapter 101

Memorializes the Congress and the President of the United States to (1) ensure low-income students continue to have opportunities to attend college, (2) work with states to establish new programs and support existing programs to educate students about financial aid options, and (3) ensure that financial aid programs contain reasonable terms and conditions and do not discriminate against or reduce access to educational opportunities for low-income students.

EMPLOYMENT

AB 2156 Hernandez
Public employees; survivor benefits

Chapter 74

Extends the CalPERS special death benefit and related health care benefits to the surviving spouse of a police officer or firefighter who dies following an on-the-job injury.

AB 2618 Solorio

Chapter 553

Child Abuse Central Index; county child welfare agency background checks

Requires the Department of Justice to make information it maintains in the Child Abuse Central Index available to county child welfare agencies conducting a background investigation of an applicant seeking employment or volunteer status with the agency who, in the course of his/her employment or volunteer work, will have direct contact with children who are at risk of, or have suffered, abuse or neglect.

ACR 99 Swanson

Resolution Chapter 93

School nurses; salaries

Urges school districts to take the necessary steps to increase school nurse salaries.

SB 1158 Scott

Chapter 516

Assumption Program of Loans for Education; veteran teachers

Expands eligibility for veteran teachers to participate in the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) program.

SB 1303 Runner

Chapter 579

School employees: leaves of absence for drug offenses

Narrows the conditions in which school employees who are placed on mandatory leaves of absence for certain drug-related offenses and who complete a drug diversion program may be compensated for the period of leave upon their return to work.

FAMILY LAW

AB 1679 Evans

Chapter 50

Inspection of court records; paternity actions

Allows agents of a party or the party's attorney to inspect court files pertaining to paternity actions if the agents are acting pursuant to written authorization from the party or the party's attorney.

AB 1877	Adams	Chapter 215
Disclosure of confidential custody report; sanctions		
Allows a court to impose monetary sanctions against a party in a contested child custody proceeding who makes an unwarranted disclosure of a written confidential report.		
AB 2448	Feuer	Chapter 462
Indigent litigants; court fee waiver		
Revises the procedures for granting a court fee waiver to a litigant who cannot afford to pay the fee and for making a determination on an application for recovery of fees after a waiver has been provided.		
AB 2960	La Malfa	Chapter 54
Modification of child custody; sexual abuse		
Allows a court to modify a child custody order on an ex parte basis where the court determines the child has been sexually abused and the abuse is recent or part of a continuing pattern of sexual abuse.		
AB 3051	Jones	Chapter 166
Juvenile court; dependency proceedings		
Provides children subject to dependency hearings a greater opportunity to attend and participate in their hearings.		
SB 1255	Harman	Chapter 57
Child custody; drug and alcohol testing		
Extends the court's authority for four years (until January 1, 2013) to order drug or alcohol testing of a person seeking custody of, or visitation with, a child.		
SB 1333	Ashburn	Chapter 58
Paternity disestablishment; genetic testing		
Clarifies the time period during which a court may disestablish paternity where genetic testing indicates that the previously established father is not the biological father of the child.		
SB 1612	Kuehl	Chapter 181
Teen parents; guardian ad litem		
Permits the minor parent of a child who is the subject of specific dependency and family law proceedings to appear in court without a guardian ad litem. Additionally, requires a court to appoint a guardian ad litem in these circumstances if the court finds that the minor parent is unable to understand the nature of the proceedings or to assist counsel in preparing the case.		

SB 1726

Scott

Chapter 534

Adoption; paternal rights

Provides that the donor of semen to a sperm bank or for use in in vitro fertilization is not treated in law as the natural father of a child thereby conceived. Additionally, makes it easier for a birth father to relinquish his parental rights to a child that is the subject of adoption proceedings.

SCR 127

Steinberg

Resolution Chapter 120

Court Adoption and Permanency Month

Designates the month of November 2008 as Court Adoption and Permanency Month and encourages courts and local communities to join in activities to expedite permanency for children who have been abused and neglected.

GIRLS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

AB 2125

Price

Chapter 326

Juvenile justice plans; job training

Requires juvenile justice plans to include an assessment of job training services and strategies.

HEALTH

AB 638

Bass

Chapter 628

California Physician Assistant Loan Assumption Program

Establishes the California Physician Assistant Loan Assumption Program, to assume qualifying educational loans of physician assistants who agree to practice in designated medically underserved areas. The program sunsets January 1, 2014.

AB 994

Parra

Chapter 426

Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Pilot Program

Extends the Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Pilot Program until January 1, 2009, to continue to provide scholarships to qualified students who agree to work in counties determined to have the most medical need.

AB 1894	Krekorian	Chapter 631
Health care coverage; HIV testing		
Requires health care service plans and health insurance policies to cover human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing regardless of whether the testing is related to a primary diagnosis.		
AB 1935	Fuller	Chapter 324
Taxpayer contributions; California Ovarian Cancer Research Fund		
Authorizes the addition of the California Ovarian Cancer Research Fund check-off to the personal income tax form, allowing taxpayers to designate a voluntary contribution to fund ovarian cancer research on their state income tax return.		
AB 2726	Leno	Chapter 466
Healthy Food Purchase pilot program		
Extends the sunset date for the "Healthy Food Purchase" pilot program, designed to increase the sale of fresh fruits and vegetables in low-income communities, and provides the Department of Health with more flexibility in finding creative funding mechanisms, such as private donations and federal funds, to implement the program.		
AB 2737	Feuer	Chapter 554
Communicable disease; involuntary testing		
Authorizes a court to order the withdrawal of blood from an arrestee when a peace officer, firefighter, or an emergency worker, while acting within the scope of his/her duties, is exposed to a blood borne pathogen.		
AB 2747 *	Berg	Chapter 683
End-of-life care; information and counseling		
Requires physicians to provide information and counseling regarding all legal end-of-life care options to a terminally ill patient upon the patient's request.		
AB 2899	Portantino	Chapter 555
HIV test sites; streamlining of services		
Streamlines HIV test site counseling and education services in order to increase the capacity of these sites to screen more individuals.		
ACR 112 *	Dymally	Resolution Chapter 154
Legislative Task Force on Fibromyalgia		
Establishes a Legislative Task Force on Fibromyalgia to promote public awareness by developing a State Fibromyalgia Strategic Plan and holding a Fibromyalgia Summit.		

ACR 138
School Nurse Day

Horton

Resolution Chapter 159

Declares May 7 of each year as School Nurse Day in California and encourages all Californians to promote the good health of the state's students and recognize California's credentialed school nurses for their contributions to the health of the state's children.

ACR 152
Health Care Decisions Week

Wolk

Resolution Chapter 139

Recognizes the week of October 26 through November 1, 2008 as Health Care Decisions Week in California, and encourages all Californians to think about and talk with loved ones about their wishes for medical care.

AJR 54
State Children's Health Insurance Program; restriction of eligibility

Laird

Resolution Chapter 82

Urges the President and the Congress of the United States to rescind the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services directive of August 17, 2007, which restricts eligibility for the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

SB 483
Medi-Cal; long term care services

Kuehl

Chapter 379

Exercises an option in the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 to extend Medi-Cal (Medicaid) eligibility for nursing home care and other long-term care services to individuals who have an equity interest in their home of \$750,000 or less.

SB 564
Public school health centers

Ridley-Thomas

Chapter 381

Allows school health centers (SHC) to conduct routine physical health, mental health and oral health assessments, and requires the California Department of Public Health to establish a grant program to provide technical assistance and funding for the expansion, renovation and retrofitting of existing SHCs, and the development of new SHCs.

SB 1147 *
Medi-Cal; incarcerated minors

Calderon

Chapter 546

Requires the Department of Health Care Services to develop procedures to ensure that the Medi-Cal eligibility of minors is not terminated when they are incarcerated.

- SB 1168** Runner **Chapter 390**
Health care coverage; dependent adult students
- Prohibits the termination of health coverage for up to 12 months by a health plan or insurer for dependents who are 18 years of age and older, full-time students, and on medical leave from school.
- SB 1184** Kuehl **Chapter 347**
Reproductive technologies; HIV-infected donor
- Requires a physician providing insemination or advanced reproductive technologies to verify that an HIV-infected donor is being treated for the disease in a manner that will reduce the chance of transmission during the treatment.
- SB 1216** Scott **Chapter 171**
Long-term care insurance; payment of claims
- Requires long-term care insurers to pay interest on accepted claims, accepted on or after December 1, 2008, that are not paid within timeframes required by state regulations.
- SCR 73 *** Negrete McLeod **Resolution Chapter 17**
American Heart Month
- Establishes February 2008 as American Heart Month and February 1, 2008, as Wear Red Day to promote awareness of heart disease in women.
- SJR 25 *** Negrete McLeod **Resolution Chapter 117**
Fibromyalgia
- Urges the Congress of the United States to accelerate the federal investment in fibromyalgia research at the National Institutes of Health, to ensure adequate Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and coverage of fibromyalgia therapies, and to launch a multifaceted public awareness campaign on fibromyalgia.
- SR 29** Kuehl **Adopted**
Women in Pain Awareness Day
- Recognizes May 30, 2008, as Women In Pain Awareness Day to raise awareness concerning gender disparity in pain assessment and treatment in the United States.

LONG TERM CARE & AGING ISSUES

AB 572 Berg **Chapter 648**
Adult day health care services

Clarifies existing laws and regulations governing adult day health care and provides greater flexibility in transportation and nutrition services provided through adult day health care centers.

AB 749 Wolk **Chapter 477**
Residential care facilities; emergency plans

Requires residential care facilities for the elderly to have an emergency plan available to residents and local emergency responders.

AB 1674 Jones **Chapter 319**
In-home supportive services; consumer choice pilot project

Authorizes five county pilot projects to offer severely impaired recipients of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) a choice of having services provided by a contracting agency or a public authority.

AB 2100 Wolk **Chapter 481**
Elder abuse; reporting

Requires a local ombudsperson and local law enforcement agency to immediately report to the local district attorney's office cases of known or suspected physical or financial abuse of senior citizens in long-term care facilities.

AB 2150 Berg **Chapter 327**
Insurance sales; senior designation

Prohibits insurance brokers or agents from using a "senior designation" in any oral or written communication used to sell insurance to a senior unless they have special expertise relative to senior financial situations.

AB 2370 Bass **Chapter 478**
Residential care facilities; disclosure of rate increases

Requires residential care facilities to provide current residents its average monthly rate increases for the previous three years. Additionally, requires these facilities to provide a written copy of the disclosure to new and prospective residents.

SB 692	Ashburn	Chapter 2
In-home supportive services; criminal background checks		
Authorizes a public authority or nonprofit consortium, established to deliver In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), to assist a recipient of care who is not eligible to receive IHSS services in obtaining a criminal background check.		
SB 1140 *	Steinberg	Chapter 475
Financial abuse; elder or dependent adults		
Revises the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act to strengthen protections against financial abuse of seniors and dependent adults.		
SB 1343	Battin	Chapter 48
Elder abuse; witness support person		
Adds specified crimes against elder and dependent adults to the list of offenses for which a prosecuting witness, who is an elder or dependent adult, may have up to two support persons present during the testimony.		
SCR 77 *	Lowenthal	Resolution Chapter 108
Fall Prevention Awareness Week		
Declares the first week of fall each year as "Fall Prevention Awareness Week" to bring public attention to the risk of falls in older adults.		
SCR 112	Padilla	Resolution Chapter 111
Older adult services; cultural competency		
Urges the State of California to more fully provide culturally appropriate services to older adults.		
SJR 12	Simitian	Resolution Chapter 5
Elder abuse awareness; postage stamp		
Requests the President and Congress of the United States to afford the public a convenient way to contribute to the funding of elder abuse prevention and awareness programs by authorizing the United States Postmaster General to establish a special rate of postage for first-class mail and to issue a special postage stamp regarding elder abuse prevention and awareness.		

SOCIAL SERVICES

AB 433 * Beall **Chapter 625**
Food stamp eligibility; assets

Adopts the federal option to establish categorical eligibility for food stamp benefits for those who are under 130 percent of the federal poverty level regardless of the level of their assets.

AB 2310 Maze **Chapter 131**
Foster youth; termination of jurisdiction

Requires the county welfare department to provide specific information and documents to an individual in the foster care system before the juvenile court terminates jurisdiction, including information regarding the child's Indian heritage, photographs of the child, and a letter verifying that the child was a foster youth, in order to enable foster youth who are about to age out of the system to better access resources and services available to them as former foster youth.

AB 2341 Maze **Chapter 457**
Juvenile court dependents; reunification services

Specifies time periods during which reunification services shall be provided to children who are dependents of the juvenile court and the parents from whom they were removed.

AB 2352 Fuentes **Chapter 700**
Minor's mental health records; confidentiality

Permits confidential records obtained in the course of providing mental health or developmental disability services to a minor to be released to a county social worker, a probation officer or any other person who is legally authorized to have custody or care of the minor.

AB 2483 Bass **Chapter 132**
Foster care; teen parents

Ensures that teen parents who are juvenile court dependents consult with their attorneys prior to placing their child in a voluntary program of supervision.

AB 2904 Hayashi **Chapter 255**
Child mortality review; confidential welfare case information

Permits county boards of supervisors to review otherwise confidential case information relating to a child who died and who had previously come to the attention of, or was in the custody of, a county welfare agency.

SB 1136 Alquist
Social services assistance; unreasonable fees

Chapter 479

Creates a private right of action for an individual who has been charged unreasonable fees for assistance in obtaining public social services.

SB 1160 Alquist
Children's social services programs

Chapter 484

Simplifies the CalWORKs reapplication process for relative caregivers of foster children when they move to a new county, and extends the sunset date for the Youth Pilot Program which allows counties to blend various funding streams to provide integrated treatment for children at risk of entering the foster care system.

SB 1341 * Padilla
CalWORKs eligibility; housing savings account

Chapter 485

Allows CalWORKs participants to maintain eligibility for the program while retaining a dedicated savings account for rental housing costs to enable participants to secure stable housing and prevent homelessness.

VIOLENCE

AB 225 Beall
Elder abuse; protective orders

Chapter 480

Allows protective orders issued under the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act (Act) to include protection of family members, household members and conservators. Additionally, provides that the elder or dependent adult is not required to pay a fee for law enforcement to serve an order issued by the court under the Act.

AB 499 * Swanson
Commercially sexually exploited minors

Chapter 359

Authorizes Alameda county to develop a comprehensive model to address the needs and effective treatment of commercially sexually exploited minors, including identification and assessment of minors, upon arrest or detention by law enforcement, who may be victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

AB 534 Smyth
Crimes against children; publication of information

Chapter 423

Makes it a misdemeanor to publish information describing or depicting the physical appearance of a child 14 years of age or under, the location of such a child, or locations where such children may be found, with the intent that another person imminently use the information to commit a crime against the child and the information is likely to aid in the imminent commission of a crime against the child.

AB 919	Houston	Chapter 583
Electronic communication; third party harassment		
Prohibits the use of an electronic communication device (e.g. website) to distribute personal identifying information likely to incite harassment by a third party.		
AB 1278	Lieber	Chapter 258
Human trafficking		
Invalidates contract provisions allowing a wage deduction to cover the cost of emigrating and transporting a person to the United States. Additionally, establishes a procedure allowing multiple human trafficking violations involving the same victim, but occurring in more than one county, to be tried together in a single county.		
AB 1424	Davis	Chapter 152
Elder abuse; restraining orders		
Allows judges to issue restraining or stay-away orders in criminal elder abuse cases.		
AB 1771	Ma	Chapter 86
Criminal domestic violence: restraining orders		
Specifies the information that a court in a criminal domestic violence case may consider in determining whether "good cause" exists to issue a protective order, to include the underlying nature of the offense charged as well as information provided to the court pursuant to a database history search.		
AB 2052 *	Lieu	Chapter 440
Domestic violence; termination of residential lease		
Permits a residential tenant who is a victim of domestic violence to terminate her or his rental agreement with 30 days notice to the landlord.		
AB 2289	Runner, Sharon	Chapter 154
Juvenile ward; release of information to victim		
Allows the Division of Juvenile Facilities to release specified information regarding a ward (e.g. whereabouts, hearings/proceedings, date of discharge) to a victim or victim's next of kin regardless of the ward's offense.		
AB 2304 *	Plescia	Chapter 586
Address confidentiality program; name change petition		
Prohibits a name change petition of a participant in the address confidentiality program from being published or posted in the court's calendars, indexes, or register of actions, or by any means or in any public forum, including a hardcopy or an electronic copy, or any other type of public media or display.		

AB 2306 *

Karnette

Chapter 146

Intimate partner battering; writ of habeas corpus

Extends the sunset date of Penal Code Section 1473.5 until 2020, allowing domestic violence survivors convicted of violent felonies to petition the court for a retrial or a reduced sentence by filing habeas corpus petitions if expert testimony on intimate partner battering and its effects was not considered at the time the case was originally prosecuted.

AB 2337

Beall

Chapter 456

Child abuse; mandated reporters

Adds drug and alcohol counselors to the list of individuals who are mandated reporters of child abuse.

AB 2405 *

Arambula

Chapter 241

Domestic violence conviction; additional fee

Allows counties to authorize the imposition of an additional fee of no more than \$250 upon individuals convicted of crimes involving domestic violence. The funds would be used for domestic violence prevention programs that focus on assisting immigrant communities and refugees, especially those living in rural communities.

AB 2410

Nava

Chapter 155

Sexually violent predator civil commitment proceedings; witness confidentiality

Creates victim and witness confidentiality requirements in sexually violent predator civil commitment proceedings similar to requirements in criminal proceedings.

AB 2553

Solorio

Chapter 263

Ex parte temporary restraining order; denial

Requires an order denying an ex parte temporary restraining order petition to include reasons for the denial and the right to an optional noticed hearing on the matter.

AB 2810 *

Brownley

Chapter 358

Human trafficking; citizenship of victim

Requires law enforcement to use due diligence to identify all victims of human trafficking regardless of the person's citizenship.

ACR 132

Smyth

Resolution Chapter 55

National Missing Children's Day

Declares May 25, 2008, as National Missing Children's Day and encourages Californians to take 25 minutes to help children stay safer. Additionally, urges the participation of local government, law enforcement, schools, community organizations,

and families to educate all people about child abduction and sexual exploitation, appropriate protective measures, and ways to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

AJR 42 Garcia **Resolution Chapter 129**
Domestic violence; victim assistance

Urges Congress to protect funding and maintain programs, laws, regulations, and policies that assist victims of domestic violence.

SB 31 * Simitian **Chapter 746**
Radio frequency identification; criminal remote reading

Makes it a crime to remotely read a person's identification document using radio frequency identification (RFID) without his or her knowledge and prior consent.

SB 129 Kuehl **Chapter 109**
Electronic communication; criminal intent to annoy

Expands the scope of the current crime of making two or more phone calls or electronic communications with the intent to annoy by prohibiting making two or more such communications regardless of where the communication is received.

SB 640 Simitian **Chapter 383**
Childhood sexual abuse action; local public entity

Exempts claims for childhood sexual abuse against a local public entity, arising out of conduct occurring on or after January 1, 2009, from the Government Tort Claims Act which requires a claim against a public entity to be filed within six months of accrual of the action as a prerequisite to filing an action for monetary damages.

SB 1178 Aanestad **Chapter 517**
Dental license; registered sex offenders

Requires the Dental Board of California to deny licensure to individuals who are required to register as sex offenders under federal law and closes loopholes that allow the reinstatement of licenses for sex offenders.

SB 1187 Battin **Chapter 598**
Megan's Law; child pornography offenses

Adds convictions for certain child pornography offenses to the list of specified sexual offenses requiring public disclosure on the Megan's Law Internet Web site.

SB 1356 *

Yee

Chapter 49

Domestic violence victim; contempt of court

Prohibits imprisonment of a victim of domestic violence who is found in contempt of court for refusing to testify concerning the domestic violence.

SB 1770 *

Padilla

Chapter 206

Anti-reproductive-rights crime

Extends the operation of the Reproductive Rights Law Enforcement Act, designed to combat crimes interfering with patients' access to health care facilities, and directs the Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training to develop guidelines and model procedures for investigation and reporting of anti-reproductive-rights crimes. *(sponsored by the Commission)*

SCR 81 *

Battin

Chapter 24

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Acknowledge the month of April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourages the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

SCR 106

Romero

Resolution Chapter 31

Denim Day

Recognizes April 23, 2008, as Denim Day California and encourages everyone to wear jeans on that day to help communicate the message that there is no excuse for, and never an invitation to, rape.

WOMEN AND CORRECTIONS

AB 2070 *

Bass

Chapter 482

Incarcerated parents; reunification services

Increases the time period reunification services may be available to incarcerated parents whose children are dependents of the court to take into account the barriers faced by incarcerated parents to accessing services and meeting reunification requirements.

AB 2574

Emmerson

Chapter 16

Jail inmate welfare funds; reentry services

Adds the counties of Kern, San Bernardino and Santa Clara to the eight counties currently authorized, as part of a pilot program, to permit inmate welfare fund monies to be spent assisting inmates with reentry services within 14 days of the inmate's release from jail.

SB 1169

Runner

Chapter 142

Jail inmates; health care

Extends the sunset date to January 1, 2014 on provisions of law regarding jail inmate health care and convening of the Inmate Health Care and Medical Provider Fair Pricing Working Group.

WOMEN VETERANS**AB 3083**

Committee on Veteran Affairs

Chapter 591

Veterans; county mental health services

Requires counties to provide mental health services to California veterans to the extent services are available to other adults regardless of the veteran's ability to obtain services through another entity. Additionally, expands the definition of a "serious mental disorder" to include post-traumatic stress disorder and bipolar disorder for purposes of qualifying target populations for county mental health services.

SB 1353

Negrete McLeod

Chapter 592

State employees; military benefits

Authorizes the governor to issue an executive order extending existing benefits, from 24 to 60 months, for state employees who are members of the California National Guard or Armed Forces Reserve and were called to active duty after September 11, 2001.

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